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Above, David Hernandez and David Vargas of Tezkalipoka perform Thursday night in the Student Union Ballroom. Tezkalipoka is a pre-Hispanic dance troupe performing authentically choreographed Aztec ceremonial and cultural dances.

Below, David Vargas prepares his Aztec headdress before he performs with Tezkalipoka for "Celebración de la Independencia de las Americas." Concilio is composed of 10 campus Latino student organizations along with MACLA, a non-profit organization that helps promote the growth of Latino arts in San Jose.

Latino groups unite for independence

By Liz Cloutman
Daily staff writer

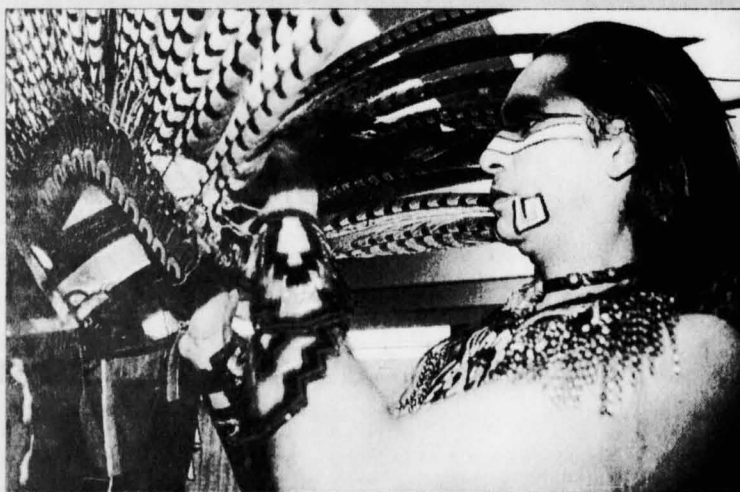
The Ballroom in the Student Union vibrated with the sounds of native Aztec drums and the pounding feet of the Tezkalipoka Aztec Dance Troupe Thursday night.

Tezkalipoka opened the Celebración de la Independencia de las Americas (Celebration of the Independence of the Americas), the second event centered around Mexican and Central American independence days at San Jose State University.

"It's really important for us to organize these events to educate people of all nationalities on campus so these events don't go without recognition," said junior Valerie Junter, a member of Sigma Theta Psi. The multicultural sorority helped sponsor the event. "The city of San Jose doesn't fund Dieciseis de Septiembre or Cinco de Mayo so we like to help organize events."

Miguel Rodriguez, co-chair of M.E.Ch.A., (Student Movement of the Chicanos of Aztlan), said the concilio, a

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Living on the edge

Rental insurance not widely used

By Daniel Severin
Daily staff writer

KSJS disc jockey Jay Untalan knows it is important to have renter's insurance.

The San Jose State University RTVE, radio television film, major's apartment recently flooded, damaging records, videos and other personal property.

Then Untalan discovered his landlord's insurance wouldn't cover the damage.

Renter's insurance generally covers personal property and liability, said Allstate insurance agent Monique Cabral of San Jose.

Although he has expensive DJ equipment in his room — including turntables, a mixer and speakers — Untalan said he has never considered getting renter's insurance.

"I'm concerned that they neglected to tell me that I needed extra insurance," Untalan said.

Only students who list their parents' address as their perma-

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Highway 87 stoppage

By Adam Pavlacka
Daily senior staff writer

Airport travelers are cautioned to allow for possible delays this weekend on Highway 87.

Highway 87 will be closed between Hedding Street and Highway 101 from 11 p.m. today to 3 p.m. Sunday as part of the Highway 87 expansion project. The project, which is expected to wrap up by the end of 2004, will connect downtown San Jose directly to Highway 101 with interchanges at Taylor Street and Skyport Drive.

Major delays are not expected, but officials are cautioning drivers to allow for extra driving time.

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Swimming for dollars

By Erika Coron
Daily staff writer

Enthusiasm will be felt with a splash as participants gather and swim together to benefit the disabled.

The Corporate Challenge Aquathon benefiting the Community Association for Rehabilitation will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday at the San Jose State University Aquatic Center.

"There will be about 500 corporate employees from all over Silicon Valley that come and swim," said Karen Collopy, manager of the Aquatic Center. "It's a very successful event for them."

"It's also a very different event for us because it's not your typical swim meet or water polo event."

The association promotes and supports the achievement of people with developmental disabilities. These disabilities include autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and other neurological conditions.

Honorary chairman Pablo Morales said the Community Association for Rehabilitation is an incredible organization because of the assistance it offers to people and families in need.

Admission is \$4 in advance or \$5 at the gate. Advance tickets can be purchased through Bass ticket outlets.

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SoFA kicks off annual bash

Daily staff report

Outdoor stages, local bands, children's activities, merchants and food booths will be available at the San Jose South First Area (SoFA) festival Sunday.

The festival, partially sponsored by San Jose State University radio station KSJS, will stretch along South First Street — from San Carlos to William streets.

Three stages will present

underground and local musicians to the roving crowd from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with local clubs offering more venues for artists.

The Agenda, The B-Hive Cafe, Club 369, The Usual and The Cactus Club will offer a variety of acts, including DJ mixes and local band Security.

South First Street Billiards is offering free pool the day of the festival.

KSJS will hold a drawing for an appearance in local band The

Donnas' new music video, to be shot in San Jose.

Beer can be purchased on festival grounds or in clubs with proper identification.

D.P. Fong Gallery, the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art and the San Jose Center for Latino Arts will open their doors for several group exhibitions.

Admission is \$4 in advance or \$5 at the gate. Advance tickets can be purchased through Bass ticket outlets.

A look at lithography



Chad Pilster/Spartan Daily

Thinh Pham, an illustration major, reviews his many attempts at a lithograph of an eye. Lithography is oil-based crayon drawn on a printing plate, then copied onto paper or other materials with a press. This is Pham's first time taking a lithography class, and he said he finds it tedious.

All athletes can't be blamed for one criminal action



Mike Osegueda

STAFF WRITER

Don't blame high school basketball standout and Spartan basketball recruit Leslie Norman for the alleged rape of an underage girl. It wasn't his fault. He just was just con-

forming to the stereotype that society has imposed upon today's athletes.

Wouldn't you love to see Norman's lawyer stand up and say that on Sept. 27, when Norman appears in court to face the most appalling charge any man can face — rape?

But doesn't it seem like the next logical step when people who have extraordinary talents at playing games have become mentioned in the same breath as demonic serial killers?

Too extreme a thought? I think not. Today's sports stars have gone from being the idols of youth to people we may feel fearful about presenting to our kids. As much as I hate to rehash old news, we have to discuss everyone's favorite Heisman trophy winning, golf playing, white Ford Bronco-owning, football superstar-turned-star of the "trial of the century." Innocent or guilty, O.J. Simpson changed the way we perceive athletes. When O.J. went from pigskin-carrying hero to notorious wife abuser, sports as a whole took a dive as well.

Comedian Chris Rock said if O.J. had just been "Orenthal, the bus-driving wife murderer" no one would have cared. And the fact of the matter is he's absolutely correct. When O.J.'s infamous mug shot hit Time and Newsweek magazines, it not only put him in the history books alongside Jeffrey Dahmer, but he also made every one of Dennis Rodman's exploits that much worse.

Rodman, Michael Irvin, Isiah Rider and the Dallas Cowboys have all had countless run-ins with the law. So before we line up every athlete in a dark room, make them face the corner two at a time and point to Leslie Norman — or any other athlete for that matter — as the spark which caused such a witch hunt, let's step back and take a careful look at the situation.

It was a plain-clothed Wednesday Addams in the movie "The Addams Family" who said she dressed up like a homicidal maniac for Halloween because they look just like everyone else.

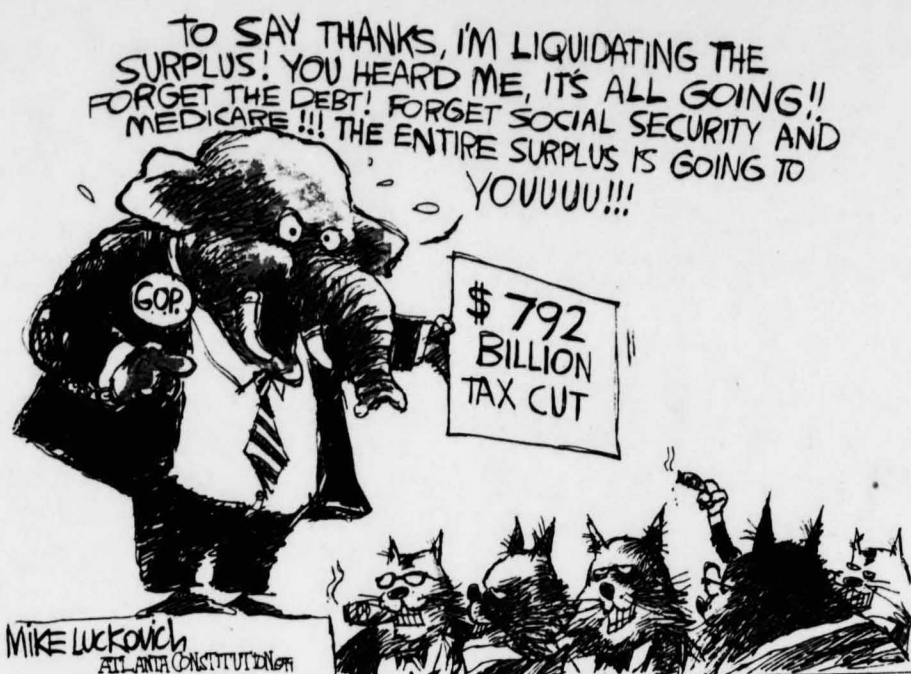
That's what our society has to realize, that serial killers, politicians and athletes are just like everyone else. Sure, they may make more money or get recognized in public, but it's unfair to judge the entire group by just a sour few.

There have been numerous cases in which schools have become war zones for our children. But do we say all school children should be feared? Of course not, because those are rare instances that are so horrific they draw an overload of attention. Consequently, we shouldn't label the athlete who partakes in a criminal act as the norm.

We need to judge athletes on an individual basis. Sure, Leslie Norman may have washed his career down the toilet — if he is guilty as accused — but every San Jose State University athlete didn't. So regardless of how you may feel about Norman and his alleged actions, don't look down upon other SJSU basketball players. Remember there is a person underneath that jersey.

Athletes are people. Kids who shoot up their schools are people. Gun-carrying men who walk into churches and open fire for no good reason are people. And the sad fact of it all is that people are screwed up.

Mike Osegueda is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



Weird things happen to normal people

I may wear all black with a trenchcoat. I may be too serious in my work. I may have a dark, sarcastic, cynical view of the world. I'm pissed that the bookstore doesn't sell San Jose State University ash trays — they have shot glasses, why not?

I may be the biggest anti-social pessimist ever to walk on campus.

But, contrary to all the frickin' stares and comments I get from my colleagues, administrators, professors and students, I'm not weird.

The weird comes to me. Weird stuff happens around me — or to me.

Examples? During my first semester at the Daily, I had a grenade (actually, an M-80 firecracker in pineapple casing) explode three feet from me, streakers race by me during an interview and a mooning incident in another story. And those are tame.

I went to two L.A. area community colleges simultaneously. While leaving the parking lot of one to go to the other, I was robbed of \$30 by a gun-carrying addict.

But that isn't the whole story. After he decided to get cozy in the passenger seat of my car, I drove at 100 mph on the wrong side of the street. I had the guy struggling to put on his seat belt while trying to calm me down with a conversation about radio stations.

The would-be carjacker then exclaimed "F—k this, I'm outta here," and leaped out the door. Then I tried to make him my hood ornament while chasing him through the alleys of scenic Compton.

After the guy lost me, I filed a police report. Once the report was verified by police, I laughed. I had been en route to deliver a story on stolen cars to the college newspaper I wrote for. That's the best excuse for missing a deadline yet.

Or, how about a recent dinner incident? While enjoying a bowl of white sauce on white pasta at some Italian joint, I had the unfortunate incident of having my nose bleed onto my food.

As I called the waitress and tried to cover it up by pouring a little bit of marinara sauce on the stuff, my embarrassment turned to horror — someone across from my table saw the bloody drips on my food and she puked. Since I was a bit buzzed from a couple of glasses of Chianti, I



BORN UNDER A BAD SIGN

D. S. Perez

knocked over a flaming candle and my wine, starting a small fire.

In the end, at least the waitress gave me another bowl of pasta and didn't charge me for the extra wine glass.

This weird karma might make for great stories and good joke materials, but it hasn't helped me in the dating game. I get head cases that would inspire "Seinfeld" episodes.

One woman announced her bisexuality — and dropped me for another woman. Another had a foot fetish (although I occasionally wear the gift toe ring). A European girlfriend wanted me to relax, get less serious about life, catch some rays and accompany her to a naturist resort.

I didn't know what a naturist resort was — possibly a birdwatching, tree hugging place? So I looked it up two days before the venture date. Guinness Book of World Records: "World's Largest Naturist Resort, a k a Nudist Camp."

After putting my eyeballs back into my skull, I considered my options. Sunbathing and skinny-dipping with a beautiful woman may have some appeal, but the sight of an all-nude restaurant and old, fat, naked people who resemble Bea Arthur and Marlon Brando ...

"The horror. The horror."

OK, so I'm different. I've had weird experiences. I might stand out from Joe and Jane Student. Hell, my resumé reads as though it belongs to Darth Vader: "Extracts information from individuals efficiently."

But life experiences are free and teach you a lot more. Cool is acquired, not bought. I didn't need to stand out from the crowd by spending money on overpriced retro clothes or getting an ugly, permanent tattoo or piercing. I'm not into letting body hair, odors and dirty dishes and cups accumulate. I'm not wearing a free T-shirt that's given out for signing up for a college student credit card that guarantees to rip me off for the rest of my life.

Now that's weird.

D.S. Perez is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer. "Born Under A Bad Sign" will appear Fridays.

Workplace health programs can help battle obesity

Christina Lucarotti

STAFF WRITER



Most adults work at least 40 hours each week, and in Silicon Valley many people work overtime.

With the demands of work on top of family, friends and social obligations, it's no surprise people don't take care of themselves.

An article in the San Jose Mercury News last week discussed the trend of corporations starting wellness programs. These programs, though different from company to company, encourage employees to exercise regularly and adopt healthy eating habits. The goal is not only to cut health care costs related to obesity, but to increase productivity by reducing depression.

This is a great thing. Weight problems are prevalent in the United States and wellness programs offer people a chance to learn how to become fit without adding another source of stress to their lives.

One in three Americans exceed the healthy weight range defined by the U.S. dietary guidelines for healthy Americans, according to the Third National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. And, as you might have noticed, we have a huge market for anti-depressant drugs and stress management books.

Now, I don't believe exercise and diet habits are the solutions for every problem, but they have been proven to lower levels of stress, reduce depression and reverse health problems such as high cholesterol and blood pressure.

Companies that are investing in teaching employees how to improve their health are doing themselves and society a favor.

Though weight may seem like a personal issue, taxpayers suffer the consequence of an overweight, out-of-shape society. Medical care related to obesity cost the nation about \$49 billion in 1995, according to an estimate last year by Anne Wolf of the University of Virginia and Graham Colditz of the Harvard School of Public Health.

Besides contributing to arthritis and adult-onset diabetes, the American Heart Association has reclassified obesity as a major, modifiable risk factor for coronary heart disease.

Obesity is caused by physical inactivity and overeating, according to the American Heart Association.

No one should be judged or discriminated against because of his or her weight. But as we face an age of self-acceptance, we have become immune to the severe health issues related to being overweight. Obesity is second only to smoking as a contributor to illness and premature death, according to www.obesity-online.com.

Being healthy is not hard if you make exercise a habit, eat nutritious meals and are consistent. Simply taking a 20-minute walk four to five times a week can significantly improve your health, according to The Healthy Mind, Healthy Body Handbook by David S. Sobel, M.D. and Robert Ornstein, Ph.D.

If you suspect your weight might be unhealthy, ask your doctor. Then ask your employer if the company you work for subsidizes gym memberships or nutritional counseling if a wellness program is not unavailable.

Christina Lucarotti is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Princeton's rank of No. 4 in nation's top colleges brushed off as insignificant

(U-WIRE) PRINCETON, N.J. — When U.S. News and World Report released its annual ranking of the nation's top colleges last month, Princeton found itself bounced from its No. 1 spot by Cal Tech.

University administrators have dismissed Princeton's No. 4 rank, asserting the insignificance of the magazine's ranking system.

Simply put, they claimed the rank-

ings do not matter.

Puh-lease.

Despite everyone's assertions to the contrary, the U.S. News rankings — as unscientific as they may be — do matter.

In fact, it is just as absurd to pretend they don't influence opinions as it is to put any real faith in the statistical analysis that the rankings supposedly reflect.

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The annual college rankings certainly do not and cannot function as an accurate measure of a university's quality in comparison with other schools.

But they still carry tremendous influence in American culture.

We may overtly proclaim their insignificance, but as members of the Princeton community we secretly anticipate this annual appraisal, hoping to regain or retain the list's coveted top spot.

That's why many of us can rattle off without hesitation the names of the three "peer" institutions that bumped Princeton from its reign among the Holy Trinity of higher education.

Similar to soap operas, Jerry Springer and Britney Spears, the U.S. News rankings are essentially cultural junk food.

They might mean nothing, and they might even be bad for us, but that doesn't stop us from eagerly awaiting their arrival and then gorging ourselves at the table.

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San Jose State University

Today

SJSU Choirs

Auditions for SJSU choirs are being held in the music department. Tenors and basses are especially needed, all singers welcome. For more information, call the choral activities office at 924-4332.

Nutrition and Food Science department

Ongoing recruitment for Latina and Asian bone health study. Females age 20-25 years old are eligible. For more information, call Dr. May Wang at 924-3106.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily mass from 12:10 p.m. to 12:35 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center, 300 S. 10th St. For more information, call father Bob Barry at 938-1610.

Library Donations and Book Sales

Weekly book sales at a new location from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Clark Library, room 408. For more information, call the library acquisitions department at 924-2705.

Hispanic Business Association

Welcome meeting at 6 p.m. in the Pacheco room, Student Union. For more information, call Mari at 388-7111.

Chinese Mandarin Bible Fellowship

First meeting of the semester, featuring testimony from fellow mem-

bers, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Montalvo room, second floor in the Student Union. For more information, call June Chien at 927-0112.

Saturday

Alpha Omicron Pi Women's Fraternity

Picture frame decorating at 12 p.m. at Alpha Omicron Pi. For more information, call Jaci or Kera at 998-9330.

Alpha Omicron Pi Women's Fraternity

Come and watch the Spartans play St. Mary's. For more information, call Jaci or Kera at 998-9330.

Sunday

KSJS 90.5

SJSU's radio station is proud to sponsor this year's SoFA Festival. The KSJS booth will be located on San Salvador Street between First and Second streets at the arts stage. A drawing for a spot in The Donna's new music video and other activities and giveaways will take place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at S. First and San Carlos streets.

Jewish Student Union — Hillel

Kol Nidre services in honor of the Yom Kippur holiday at 8 p.m. in the Jewish Community Center, 14855 Oka Road, Los Gatos. For more information, call Lindsay Greensweig at 358-3033 ext. 60.

SJSU Women's Rugby Club

Officers meeting, 6 p.m. at Piz-

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A-Go-Go. For more information, call Tera at 924-7943.

Clube Lusitania — SJSU Portuguese Club

Mass for peace in East Timor to raise awareness and responsibility, 12 p.m. at Five Wounds Church on Santa Clara Street. For more information, call Maggie at 258-8313.

Meher Baba Information

Presentation of "Meher Baba, The Awakener," a documentary on Meher Baba's life and work, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Engineering building, room 189. Free admission. For more information, call Mehdi Ghaffari at 924-5210.

Monday

Jewish Student Union — Hillel

Break the fast for Yom Kippur, 7 p.m. at the Hillel House, 336 E. William St. For more information, call Lindsay Greensweig at 358-3033 ext. 60.

Jewish Student Union — Hillel

Yom Kippur services at 10 p.m. in the Jewish Community Center, 14855 Oka Road, Los Gatos. For more information, call Lindsay Greensweig at 358-3033 ext. 60.

Nutrition and Food Services

Body composition analysis from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Central Classroom building, room 221. For

more information, call James Burke at 924-3377.

Career Center

Job hunting for teachers — professional files, résumé and interview preparation, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Umunhum room, Student Union. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at 924-6031.

School of Art and Design

Student galleries and art exhibitions, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the art and industrial studies buildings. For more information, call John or Jenny at 924-4330.

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Alpha Omicron Pi Women's Fraternity

"AOPi In the Face" to benefit the Sarabia family, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the barbecue pits, Seventh Street Plaza. For more information, call Michaela at 998-9330.

Spartan Dining

Monday night football viewing canceled due to technical difficulties. For more information, call Vickie at 924-1882.

Tuesday

International Relations Association

Learn more about Cuba in a foreign film screening with Auteur: international film appreciation society, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Constanoan room, Student Union. For more information, call Valerie at 924-8717.

Clube Lusitania — SJSU Portuguese Club

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SJSU Women's Rugby Club

Team conditioning — new players welcome, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Spartan field, 10th and Alma streets. For more information, call Ten at 924-7943.

Alpha Omicron Pi Women's Fraternity

Rush event: Death by chocolate and open house from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Alpha Omicron Pi, 373 E. San Fernando St. For more information, call Jaci at 293-9661.

Marketing Association

Dr. Jeff Fadiman will be giving helpful tips for landing that great job, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Almaden room, Student Union. For more information, call Arlene at 870-2086.

Phi Chi Theta Professional Co-ed Business and Economics Fraternity

Bowling night and meet the chapter, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Student Union bowling lanes. For more information, call Melanie at 243-4100 or e-mail miss_mel@pacbell.net.

Al-Anon Meeting

Help for families and friends of alcoholics every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. in Building 8 (Administration), room 222B.

The War Zone

Underground hip-hop on SJSU's radio station, KSJS, with DJ Formula One and Oz, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. For more information, call 924-KSJS.

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff. The deadline for entries is noon, three days before deadline date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily Office. Space restrictions may require editing of submissions.

Metal detectors fruitless

In the Sept. 15 issue of the Spartan Daily, there was a Point/Counterpoint about whether high schools should have metal detectors installed.

Both pro and con sides brought up the recent Santa Teresa High School suicide. As a alumni of this high school and a person who lives right in front of the school, I can assure you that metal detectors at STHS and several other high schools around the Bay Area would be completely fruitless.

Unlike airports and other secured buildings, STHS is not made up of one single building with only a few entrances and exits, but composed of several classroom clusters. There is no way a person can put up a metal detector, or several for that matter, and be assured that everybody on the campus has passed

through them.

It also seems strange to me that when a teen commits suicide, why he did so and how we can prevent suicides are questions that are not asked. Instead we focus on how he did it.

I'm not trying to downplay the serious consequences of guns in schools, but I think people are losing perspective on this. Somebody in our community died of grief and hopelessness.

The STHS suicide shouldn't alarm people just because he used a gun, but because it happened, with or without a gun.

Wayne Yuen
philosophy

Children's rights violated

All children have basic human rights — the right to grow up without being bombed from their homes or being beaten by soldiers. They have the right not to be killed or kidnapped or press-ganged into armies. Children have the right not to be murdered because of their poverty, their race, religion or their parents.

One hundred ninety one countries have ratified the United Nations Convention on the Right of the Child, every country in the world except the United States and Somalia. Governments worldwide are now bound by international law to protect children's rights.

According to UNICEF, about 300,000 children around the globe serve as soldiers. Many are killed in combat or forced to kill others

and commit atrocities on their own or on threat of death. These children are often maimed physically and psychologically, and denied education and a normal life. Imagine the terror of being forced to become a soldier and participate in violent conflicts at only 9 years old. Most children face overwhelming difficulties at war's end in becoming normal and productive members of their communities.

I'm disappointed that the United States hasn't ratified the U. N. Convention on the Right of the Child. Instead, the United States should take the lead and support strong international standards prohibiting the abuse of children.

Karim Kahwaji
political science

LETTERS

Feminism not a bad thing

We commend Mindy Leigh Griser's effort to educate readers in "Women's movement alive in feminism" (Sept. 8), but we were disappointed that she did this at the expense of some women.

Griser, what "radical women's organizations have done more bad than good for women's rights with their off-the-wall ideas and extreme views?"

Rape crisis centers? Shelters for battered women? Organizations working for equal pay for equal work? Prostitutes, rights groups? Groups working to elect women to public office?

Why do you fear these false stereotypes of feminists as "bitchy," "man-hating," and "dykes?" Why don't you challenge them instead? Is feminism only

for amiable, men-loving, heterosexuals?

Take some Women's Studies courses. Take geography and African studies (Africa is not a country, nor is female genital mutilation practiced in India).

You are on the mark to pinpoint the oppression and inequality women face. But putting down other women is no remedy.

Lois Helmbold
Coordinator, women's studies
Jennifer Rycenga
comparative religious studies

Not white supremacists

On Tuesday, August 31, Mr. Bad Example, in his editorial, grouped Christians with white supremacists.

That is an insult to myself and other Christians who aren't white supremacists.

Granted, there are a few Christian white supremacists, but all Christians aren't like that.

I think an apology to myself and all the other Christians at SJSU is in order, Mr. Bad Example.

Daniel T. Offerman
hospitality management

Parking still impossible

Parking, what parking! I can't believe I paid \$81 for the privilege to park on campus, and that I have to get here at 7 a.m. so I won't be late for my 9 a.m. classes. I thought this was a place of higher education.

We've all read the recent articles in the San Jose Mercury News and the Spartan Daily about the 600 parking spaces that have been lost to campus construction. Now multiply that by the cars that would have used those spaces throughout the day and you have essentially lost 1,200 to 1,800 parking spaces, if not more. With this being one of the largest student populations, where in the hell do they expect us to park?

And they still continue to sell parking permits. I doubt if anyone really cares as long as the dollars continue to come in. As a new older student, I don't understand how the university can continue to sell parking permits. Have they (the administrators) ever tried to find a parking space at 8 a.m.? I doubt it — they probably all have reserved parking spaces and couldn't care less.

Let's face it, any other business would end up in court for defraud-

ing the people, and believe me, this is a business, one that sells a vague promise that in the end you will be better educated and able to earn a better living. I'd like to know how you can sell something you can't deliver. I wish I could sell a product that I didn't have to deliver and not have to worry about the consequences.

Maybe a class action suit on behalf of those students that paid for parking and didn't get a place to park. How about a court injunction to stop them from selling more parking permits? At least until more parking spaces are made available to the students that have already paid for parking. Or how about a plain old mass protest? Did I hear someone say "critical mass?" What the hell, you paid for parking, find a spot and park your car. In this day and age of frustration and rage, who will be responsible when someone gets hurt over a parking space?

Pablo Market
magazine journalism

Quote for the Daily

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Ingrid Bergman, actress

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Highway

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"A lot of people use 87 to connect to 101; obviously there is going to be some tie-up there," said officer Rubens Dalaison of the San Jose Police Department. "Hopefully everybody will get the information and they won't be surprised."

The highway will be closed because traffic needs to be shifted from the main road to a detour road, said Lauren Wonder, a Caltrans representative.

The detour road, which runs parallel to Highway 87 on the east side, will handle all traffic while the highway is expanded from four to six lanes. Once construction has been completed, traffic will be shifted back to Highway 87 and the detour road removed, Wonder said.

Traffic needs to be halted during the changeover, because the detour road is not currently level with Highway 87.

"You have to make the road grade even with the detour road," Wonder said. "We need to place four feet of asphalt."

Caltrans, the San Jose International Airport and the city of San Jose are warning travelers to allow for extra travel time if they need to go to the airport this weekend.

Normally the airport recommends travelers arrive at the airport at least one hour prior to flight time. For the duration of the closure, the airport is recommending that travelers plan on arriving at least 90 minutes prior to scheduled departure time.

"There's really no way to tell what the impact will be," said Rosemary Barnes, spokesperson for the airport. "We're looking at it as a busy holiday weekend."

Airport access will be limited to Airport Boulevard, which connects at Coleman Avenue on the west side of the airport, and at Highway 101 on the airport's east side.

The total cost for the project is estimated at \$250 million. Approximately 15 percent of that amount is being paid by the city of San Jose, with the rest of the money coming from federal and state funds, Wonder said.

Rent

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nent address are potentially covered without purchasing their own policy, said State Farm insurance agent Greg Landers of San Jose.

"Students who live on their own and are not on their parents' insurance need renter's insurance," Landers said.

Students who are unsure if they are covered are encouraged by Landers to consult their parents' insurance policies.

The majority of students who live on campus and use their parents' address as their permanent address will be covered by their parents' insurance if they move away from home to go to school, Landers said.

Additions to the standard policy, known as floaters, are available for more expensive items such as computers, Landers said.

Brian Klebig, a radio television and film major, lives on campus. Klebig has heard of renter's insurance, but because his permanent address is his parents' home, he may not need additional coverage.

"Students who live on their own and are not on their parents' insurance need renter's insurance."

— Greg Landers

State Farm Insurance Agent

Lilian Tran, a junior majoring in management information systems, said she'd never considered buying renter's insurance. Tran rents a room off campus but does not have renter's insurance.

An estimate of how much insurance will cost for a student's home or apartment is easily obtained from an insurance agent. There is also a free renter's

migrant workers and a 1970 graduate of SJSU.

In 1995 he was commencement speaker at SJSU's spring graduation ceremony.

Speaking to an audience of 150, Torres-Gil said Latinos must stress inclusiveness and tolerance.

"We should treat all groups as we would have wanted others to treat us," Torres-Gil said.

Torres-Gil also emphasized the importance of SJSU Latinos training themselves to be leaders. "We should seize the opportu-

Shadow of a doubt



Robert Bradshaw/Spartan Daily

Francesca Bottini traces a classmate's shadow for her Science Methods for Elementary Teachers class, taught by Dr. Karen Reynolds. The activity was used to show students how shadows from the sun move and can be used to tell time.

insurance survey available online at insurance.yahoo.com/r1.html. The survey will give students a look at the different kinds of coverage available, allow them to estimate the value of their personal property and get an estimate of how much it might cost them to get coverage.

Renter's insurance policies begin at \$20 per month through State Farm, Landers said. Cabral said policies at Allstate begin at \$28 per month.

Expensive computer equipment and large amounts of jewelry might require additional coverage, Landers said.

Grape surplus drops low-end wine costs

NAPA (AP) — A surplus of many varieties of wine grapes in California is good news for the drinker of low- to medium-priced wines, but trouble for those who prefer a top-of-the-line vintage, according to the professor who prepared an annual wine industry survey.

"Growers say there still are

surpluses of nearly every popular grape variety in the central valley, while there are shortages on the central coast and especially in the Napa Valley," Robert H. Smiley, dean of the graduate school of management of the University of California, Davis, said Thursday.

"For the consumer, it means

mid- to low-priced wines are going to be better and cost less," he said. "However, upper-priced wines are going to get more expensive in the short run."

Low-end wines are generally considered to cost less than \$10 a bottle with mid-priced wines at \$10-14 a bottle and upper-end wines at more than \$14.

Aztec

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council made up of 10 Latino fraternities, sororities and organizations — spent two months planning the festivities, beginning last summer.

"This is the beginning of many more events to come this year," Rodriguez said.

The featured speaker was Fernando Torres-Gil, associate dean of academic affairs at the University of California, Los Angeles. Torres-Gil, who is originally from Salinas, is the son of

nity and make a difference in the lives of our children and grandchildren," he said.

"What is good for Latinos is good for America," Torres-Gil said. "Latinos represent American values — hard work, family, church, patriotism," he said. "America could do no better than become like Latinos."

The Celebración de la Independencia de las Americas also featured Las Aguas del Fuego salsa dancers, poet and novelist Lucha Corpi and hip-hop group Keepers of Time.

Mexican president named as slayer in suicide note

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A suicide note left by Mexico's one-time top drug prosecutor implicated Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo and members of the country's ruling party in his brother's slaying.

"Members of the PRI assassinated my brother Jose Francisco, and President Zedillo is well aware of this, since he had a lot to do with it," said the note from Mario Ruiz Massieu, referring to the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

"To find my brother's murderers an investigation should be initiated beginning with Zedillo," said the one-page note distributed Thursday by Ruiz Massieu's U.S. lawyer.

"He and I knew that he was not detached from both political crimes of 1994," Ruiz Massieu wrote, an apparent reference to the killings of his brother and presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio.

Zedillo's office denied the allegations. Zedillo, who had been Colosio's campaign manager, became the PRI's presidential candidate after his assassination. Ruiz Massieu's brother was an important PRI official.

Ruiz Massieu, 48, was found dead of an apparent overdose of

"I think this is the expression of a psychopath on the point of taking his life."

— Jorge Madrazo Cuellar
Mexican Attorney General

antidepressants Thursday at his home in Palisades Park, the New York suburb where he lived with his wife, Maria Eugenia, and 10-year-old daughter, Regina.

He had been under house arrest in New Jersey for much of the last 4 1/2 years, battling efforts by the U.S. and Mexican governments to return him to his homeland, where he was accused of covering up his brother's murder.

"I am absolutely innocent of all charges against me," Ruiz Massieu's note said.

Although he successfully

rebuffed four extradition attempts and one deportation attempt, Ruiz Massieu was upset by the indictment returned last month in Houston accusing him of laundering \$9.9 million in drug payoffs while an assistant attorney general in Mexico. He was to be arraigned on those charges Friday.

Ruiz Massieu's widow said his fate was sealed in November 1994, when Ruiz Massieu denounced the Mexican government.

"All those who knew my husband will be left with a heavy conscience, knowing that solely to serve President Zedillo and thereby preserve their positions in the Mexican government, at all costs, they lent themselves to the ruin of my beloved and always admired husband," Mrs. Ruiz Massieu said.

Mexican Attorney General Jorge Madrazo Cuellar dismissed the claims in Ruiz Massieu's letter.

"I think this is the expression of a psychopath on the point of taking his life," Madrazo said. "This letter would have to be analyzed more by a psychiatrist than by a jurist."

"Mario Ruiz Massieu lived lying and he died lying."

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Broncos end Spartans soccer team's unbeaten streak by notching 2-0 victory

By Lance Swanson
Daily staff editor

Thursday night's intercollegiate soccer match was billed as a battle between two undefeated teams as the San Jose State University Spartans, No. 22 in the nation, played the Santa Clara University Broncos, No. 6, at Buck Shaw Stadium in Santa Clara.

Regardless of the teams' respective rankings, the winner of the game would have bragging rights as the best college soccer team in the Bay Area.

On this particular evening, the Broncos were the better team, winning 2-0 on two goals in a two-minute span in the second half.

The Santa Clara soccer team, which has yet to be scored upon this season, improved its record to 5-0-0, while the Spartans fell to 3-1-1.

Spartan assistant head coach Ron Smare was pleased with the effort of his team, although not pleased with the result.

"Santa Clara played an outstanding game," he said after the loss. "Our boys played hard — they just wore us down and won the game in the end."

Santa Clara had 17 shots, while the Spartans countered with three.

SJSU forward Chad Harper said the Spartans will get better as the season goes along.

"Overall, I'm not that disap-

pointed in our play. It was just five minutes that we kind of slacked off. It's a good experience for us, but Santa Clara is such a great team," Harper said.

Spartan defender Ryan Suarez was perhaps the best player on the field for SJSU, and said his team struggled at times because of some nagging injuries.

"It's still the beginning of the season," Suarez said. "If we beat UCLA this weekend, nobody will remember losing this game. We lost six starters from last year. They (Santa Clara) only lost their goalkeeper."

Last season, the Spartans lost 1-0 in their overtime game with Santa Clara.

In an exciting and physical first half, neither SJSU nor SCU could find the back of the net.

But there were good chances for both teams, with the Broncos missing a fine opportunity to score in the third minute of play and the Spartans missing on two point-blank opportunities in the game's 10th minute.

On the Broncos' best scoring opportunity of the first half, midfielder Sean-Michael Callahan fired a shot over the top of the net after a nifty defensive stop by Suarez.

With the Spartans deep in the Broncos' penalty area, SJSU forward Harper fired a shot on goal but was foiled by a spectacular save by SCU goalkeeper Rusty Johnson.

As the ball deflected back into play, Spartan midfielder Alberto Guterrez fired a shot that bounced off the post.

Although the Spartans were outshot 9-2 in the first half, they played stifling defense at times, frustrating the high powered offense of Santa Clara.

SJSU almost made a major blunder in the game's 24th minute.

After arguing with the referee



Spartan Lars Lyssand tries to keep the ball away from Broncos' Ari Rodopolous at Buck Shaw Stadium last night. The Spartans lost the

game to Santa Clara, suffering their first defeat of the season.

over a foul call, the Spartan defenders were slow to get back on defense, and goalkeeper Chris Humphreys didn't notice the call to restart play.

From about 30 yards out, Santa Clara defender Eric Denton fired a rocket over the empty net.

In the match's second half, Santa Clara started to take control of the play.

In the game's 55th minute, the Spartans failed to capitalize on a good opportunity to score when forward Aman Kebreab missed from about five yards out, with SCU's Johnson making a good save.

For Santa Clara in the 62nd minute, the Broncos missed on a fine opportunity after defender Kyle Smith put his header over the Spartans' net after a beauti-

ful feed off a free kick.

Minutes later, Humphreys made a great save off a bullet from the right foot of Santa Clara forward Anthony Chimienti from just inside the Spartan box, keeping the game scoreless.

Finally, in the game's 77th minute, the Broncos managed to break through, with Callahan scoring from deep in the Spartan

box after a feed from forward Shawn Percell.

Despite the ball deflecting off the SJSU goalkeeper, the ball trickled into the net for a 1-0 SCU lead.

Less than a minute later, the Broncos scored again to make the score 2-0, as Percell fired a shot from the left post into the far corner of the net, after receiving a feed from Denton.

Cross country teams off and running

By Lance Analla
Daily staff writer

Various things go through the minds of the runners of the cross country team at San Jose State University.

Some think of the last annoying tune they heard. Others contemplate disappointing their parents.

Whatever it may be, it seems to be working.

Saturday, at the University of San Diego Cross Country Invitational, the women's team finished first in the 3.1 mile race and the men's team finished tied for first in the same race.

For Allison Kegley, her thoughts remain on one thing, herself.

Kegley, an environmental studies major at SJSU, said her own self-will helps her achieve her goals.

"Some people are pressured by their parents to run. I run for myself," Kegley said.

The men's team had two runners in the top 10 in the 3.1 mile event. Trevor Marca finished third at 16:17 and Matt Heard

finished 10th at 16:53.

Marca, a business marketing major at SJSU, said it is important for him to stay focused when he is in a race.

"Sometimes I get a dumb song stuck in my head, and that's kind of annoying. But I keep in mind that I've got to win," Marca said.

The women's team had four runners in the top 10. Kegley finished the 3.1 mile race last Saturday tied for first with teammate Janina Crain at 19:01. Deborah Bleisch and Kim Nebeker finished eighth and ninth at 19:47 and 19:54.

Crain, a child development major, said the most difficult aspect isn't the race, but the build up before it occurs.

"The hardest part isn't running, it's the anxiety before the race starts," Crain said.

The previous weekend, at the Pacific Cross Country Invitational, Marca and Willie Gharapetian finished second and fourth respectively, at 15:41 and 15:59 in the individual 5-kilometer race.

Marca, the team's top runner last season, and this season so

far, said that trend may not last long.

"We work hard as a team. Willie (Gharapetian) could pass me at any time," Marca said.

The women's team had six runners finish in the top 10 in the same race: Kegley, Janina Crain, Ana Martinez, Deborah Bleisch, Kim Nebeker and Johanna Ballentine.

Augie Argabright, the head coach of both the men's and women's teams, said he likes what he sees from them so far.

"It's only been three weeks, and each team has won at least one of the two tournaments," Argabright said.

In the six years Argabright has coached the women's team, he said this season's group has the most overall talent he has seen.

"This is our deepest team ever. We have 10 women who are talented enough to finish in the top five in any race," Argabright said.

The next stop for the cross country teams is the Fresno State Invitational at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

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Aquathon

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The association assists with the emotional and financial burden they face, said Pablo Morales, a five-time Olympic champion and coach of the women's swim team at SJSU.

"The fact that San Jose State University is involved is a wonderful thing — we have a great facility and we'll be using the entire pool," Morales said. "I feel happy and proud that SJSU is involved in this program and fund-raiser."

There will be about 40 teams sponsored by companies such as Sun Microsystems, IBM, Intel,

Lifescan, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and Informex.

Apart from the employee swimmers, the Olympic synchronized swim team will be there to perform. Julianne Fall, the United States fin swimming champion, will also be there to give a demonstration.

"The Corporate Challenge Aquathon is C.A.R.'s biggest event of the year," said Catherine Jessup, the association's associate director of fund development. "The Aquathon is an amazing show of corporate support for this mission — it shows that Silicon Valley real-

ly does have a heart."

The association has six specialized programs serving people of all ages with developmental disabilities. Its mission is to promote and support individual achievement — to enable people with disabilities to continue to participate and be valued in the community.

"We have a lot of fun, we raise a lot of money and we raise awareness about people with developmental disabilities," Jessup said. The association's team will swim side by side with athletes from the corporations, she said.

Former Galaxy coach named as Quinn's successor

SAN JOSE (AP) — Former Los Angeles Galaxy coach Lothar Osiander was named coach of the San Jose Clash on Wednesday, a day after Brian Quinn left the team.

Osiander, 59, is a former U.S. national team coach and currently leads the MLS Project-40 team, a development squad of mostly young players belonging to Major League Soccer clubs.

"The Clash has done a good job putting together a core of young,

talented players, and I'm looking forward to the challenge of making this a winning team," he said.

Quinn, 39, was replaced on Wednesday by mutual decision after his teams finished fifth in Major League Soccer's Western Conference the past two seasons. The Clash was eliminated from postseason consideration Saturday with a 1-0 loss in Dallas.

"At the end of the day in major league sports, it's all about winning, and it was felt a coaching

change was needed," said Clash General Manager Lynne Meterparel.

Jose Espinoza, Quinn's assistant, will coach the Clash until Osiander is available.

Osiander, who coached the U.S. national team to a 13-7 record in 1986-88, was the U.S. Olympic team coach in 1988 and 1992.

He coached the Galaxy to the MLS final in the league's inaugural year, but was fired the next year when Los Angeles went 3-9.